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SUMMARY. CONTINUATION OF GENERAL DEBATE, INCLUDING ITEM 7 ON "RECENT DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS AND THE FUTURE PROSPECTS." SPEAKERS WERE MEXICO, CHINA (REPORTED SEPARATELY), JAMICA, TUNISIA, ECLA, ECWA, SWITZERLAND, DENMARK, AND CUBA PLUS RIGHTS OF REPLY MADE BY KHMER REPUBLIC, SOUTH KOREA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND CHILE. NO PLENARY MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 22 AUGUST. END SUMMARY.

1. MEXICO. MINISTER OF INTERIOR TOOK FORTY MINUTES TO: 1) TICK OFF LIST OF CURRENT EVILS CONFRONTING LDC'S AND LAY MOST OF THEM ON DOORSTEP OF DEVELOPED WORLD; 2) PRAISE PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA HUMANISTIC CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES WHICH OFFERED FRAMEWORK FOR INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE AND WIPING OUT CURRENT MACHINERY OF DEPENDENCY: AND 3) DESCRIBE PHILOSOPHY OF NEW FAMILY PLANNING AND DEMOGRAPHIC INVESTMENT PROGRAMS MEXICO HAD RECENTLY INITIATED. "OUR BANNER MUST BE THE BANNER OF MAN-
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KIND," THE "WEALTH OF THE WORLD HAS BEEN CORNERED BY THE

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PRIVILEGED" TO AN EXTENT WHERE TODAY IT WAS AS IF THEY LIVED
IN A DIFFERENT NON-CONTEMPORARY WORLD FROM THE LDC'S AND THIS
MUST BE QUICKLY CHANGED. NO LONGER MUST THEY BE ALLOWED TO"FIX
PRICES AT THIER WHIM" AND DECAPITALIZE THE LDC'S. POPULATION LIMI-
TATION PROGRAMS WERE A LEGITIMAT PART OF THE NEW POLICIES REQUIRED
TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AS OTHERWISE UNBALANCED
POPULATION GROWTH DILUTED THE FFORTS OF MANY LDC'S. DESCRIBED
MEXICO'S NEW (FEB. 1974) POPULATION LAW AND PROGRAMS THAT NOW HAD
IN OPERATION 700 CLINICS SERVING 7000,000 WOMEN, SAID MEXICO'S PROGRAMS

WERE BUILT ON FREE RATIONAL CHOICE, INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS,
UPGRADING THE ROLE OF WOMEN AND FORSTERING BALANCED GROWTH IN
BOTH THE RUAL AND URBAN AREAS. WANTED MORE LANGUAGE ON WOMEN'S
RIGHTS, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS AND A MORE EQUITABLE WORLD
ECONOMIC ORDER FACTORED INTO THE WPPA.

2. JAMAICA. MADE AN EXCELLENT SPEECH RE WHY HIGH POPULATION
GROWTH RATE WRE A LEGITIMATE INTERNATIONAL CONCERN AND
DESCRIBING HOW JAMICA HAD BROUGHT ITS RAW BIRTH RATE DOWN
FROM 42 TO 31 PER 1,000 SINCE 1960. AND HOW SMALLER FAMILY SIZE
WAS EVOLVING AS JAMICA DEVELOPED QUICKLY IN THE DECADE 1963-1973.
MENTIONED THAT 274,000 HAD EMIGRATED TO U.S. AND U.K. DURING THE
SAME PERIOD.HOWEVER HE WARNED ABOUT GROWING DISPARITY IN
BENEFITS OF DEVELOPMENT AND SAID DEVELOPED PROGRAMS NEEDED TO BE
REDESIGNED TO FOSTER SOCIAL JUSTICE. SAID ALL COUNTRIES HAD
THE RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE RETURN FOR THEIR RESOURCES.

3. TUNISIA.ALSO MADE AN EXCELLENT STATEMTN SAYING THAT THE
WORLD (DC'S AND LDC'S ALIKE) NEEDED TO FACE UP TO THE MAY PROBLEMS
FLOWING FROM "GALLOPING DEMOGRAPHIC GROWTH" WILK GREAT DETERMI-
NATION AND THAT THE WRLD NEEDED A NEW DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
TO HELP IT DO THIS. TPLD OF THE MAJOR STEPS TUNISIA HAD
TAKEN IN PAST 15 YEARS TO FULLY EMANCIPATE HER WOMEN,
INCLUDING IN THE AREAS OF ABORTION, DIVORCE, CONTRACEPTION AND
LATER MARRIAGE. EQUILIBRIUM IN THE FAMILY IS THE CRUCIL
CCENTRAL PRINCIPLE TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND THAT
FAMILY PLANNING IS A NECESSARY INGREDIENT IN CREATING AND
SUSTAINING THIS EQUILIBRIUM.

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4. DENMARK. SAID THAT AS OUR MODERN SCIENCE IS HELPING REDUCE
DEATHS IT WAS ONLY NATUREAL THAT WE USE IT TO HELP US REDUCE
UNWANTED BIRTHS. SAID EUROPE'S POPULATION TRANSITION DID
NOT APPLY TO THE LDC'S. ADDED THAT DENMARK DID NOT FAVOR
POPULATION GROWTH TARGETS FOR THE DEVELOPED WORLD SAYING
RATE OF GROWTH SO LOW NOW THAT SUCH TARGETS SUPERFLUOUS.
STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE DRAFT WPPA AS WRITTEN. CLOSED BY
SAYING ABORTION WAS STILL TOO CONTROVERSIAL A SUBJECT TO YET BE

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RIPE FOR INCLUSION IN ANY INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION.

5. ECLA. CALLED WPC HISTORC STEP AND SAID MUCH POLITICAL
COURAGE WAS NOW NEEDED TO SIMULTANEOUSLY FACE UP TO BOTH THE
SERIOUS SHORT-TERM PROBLEMS FACING THE WORLD AND THE QUALLY
IMPORTANT LONG-TERM PROBLEMS LIKE POPULATION AND THAT ECLA
WOULD COOPERATE TO THE FULLEST IN HELPING THE VARIOUS AND
VERY DIVERSE LATIN COUNTRIES DEVELOP THE TOOLS TO FACE UP
TO THESE PROBLEMS AND TO WORK TO BEGIN TO REPLACE CERTAIN
WORN OUT PARTS OF THE PRECIOUS ECONOMIC ORDER.

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6. ECWA. SAID THEY WOULD BEGIN WORKING WITH DISPATCH TO
HELP THEIR TWELVE COUNTRIES DEVELOP THE DATA AND MANPOWER BASE
REQUIRED TO CONFRONT POPULATION PROBLEMS ESPECIALLY TO DEVELOP
RATIONAL INTRA AND INTER MIGRATION POLICIES FOR THE
REGION NEEDED TO SPEED DEVELOPMENT AND STOP THE BRAIN-DRAIN TO
INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES. IN A LOW KEY MANNER, SAID ECWA WAS
OPPOSED TO FORCED MIGRATION THAT DEPRIVED PEOPLE TO THEIR HOUSES.
MENTIONED THE HUMAN TRAGEDY OF THE PALESTINIAN REFUGEES BUT
DID NOT MENTION ISRAEL. TALKED OF TWO RECENT REGIONAL POPULA-
TION MEETINGS AND ADDITIONAL ONE PLANNED FOR EARLY 1975.

7. SWITZERLAND. SAID IT WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE

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MIGRATION COMPONENT OF THE WPC AS 17 PERCENT OF ITS POPULATION
AND 30 PERCENT OF ITS WORK FORCE CONSISTS OF MIGRANTS AND THAT
IT PLANNED TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO UNFPA THIS AUTUMN.

8. CUBA. WENT ON FOR FIFTY MINUTES:
1) SAYING PRG NOT BEING INVITED TO WPC WAS "UNACCEPTABLE".
2) DESCRIBING SOCIAL REFORMS IN CUBA OVER PAST 15 YEARS
AND HOW THEY HAD TRANSFORMED COUNTRY BY ENDING UNEMPLOYMENT THUS
GREATLY REDUCING INTER-PROVINCE MIGRAGION.
3) ANNOUNCED $3 MILLION PROJECT CUBA HAD JUST SIGNED
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WITH UNFPA TO EXTEND MCH SERVICES, IMPROVE DATA GATHERING, ETC.
4) SAID CUBA'S POPULATION GROWTH HAD FALLEN FROM 2.2 TO
1.9 IN LAST DECADE AND THAT 679,000 WOMEN WERE IN THE LABOR
FORCE.
5) LAY ALL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS ON DOOR STEP OF DEVELOPED
WORLD.
6) SLAPPED AT CHILE AND AT PUERTO RICO'S HAVING STERILIZED
33 PERCENT OF THEIR WOMEN BECAUSE OF THEIR WRONG-HEADED DEVELOP-
MENTAL POLICIES AND TO PLACATE THE U.S.

9. RIGHTS OF REPLY. A) REPUBLIC OF KOREA WITH SKILL AND
DIGNITY REFUTED THE CHARGES OF NORTH KOREA (SEE BUCHAREST 3716
PARA 7) SAID: A) RESENTED INTERVENTION IN ITS DOMESTIC AFFAIRS;
2) WASN'T PROPER FORUM FOR SUCH A DISCUSSION BUT THAT ROK
WOULD WELCOME IT IN A POLITICAL OR BILATERAL FORUM; 3) UN HAD
RECENTLY VERIFIED ROK'S EXTREMELY HIGH GROWTH LEVEL AND INVITED
NORTH KOREANS TO COME LOOK FOR THEMSELVES; 4) REMINDED WPC
THAT AT TIME OF KOREAN WAR 4 MILLION NORTH KOREANS HAD MIGRATED
TO ROK; AND 5) THERE WAS NO IMPERIALISTIC INFLUENCES ON THE PART
OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS IN ROK BECAUSE "WE SIMPLY DO NOT ALLOW
IT."
B) KHMER REPUBLIC SKILLFULLY REPLIED TO CHINA -SEE SEPTEL.

C) CZECHOSLOVAKIA - REJECTED FULLY THE STATEMENT CHINA HAD
MADE (SEE SEPARATE CABLE) ABOUT THE USSR'S INVASION OF HIS COUNTRY.

D) CHILE REGRETTED THAT CUBA HAD MENTIONED THE INTERNAL
AFFAIRS OF HIS COUNTRY AND REMINDED WPC CHILE HAD BEEN BARRED
FROM THE OAS SINCE 1962 FOR ITS ACTS OF INTERVENTION IN TEN
SEPARATE LA COUNTRIES.
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